

February 2, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and member Duckworth attending. Board member Askren was not present. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Epison; Supt. Givens; Chief Webber; Hank Hudson; Jim McKinney - Regency Properties.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Duckworth moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Duckworth moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Sewage \$156,312.81

Payroll 90,127.74

General, State Gaming, MVHF 108,264.53

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Webber stated he would like permission to take the fire chief's vehicle out of town, to Champaign, IL on March 23, April 15, and June 17, for training. He added he would also like to request use of the credit card. He stated four people will be attending each of the training sessions.

Mayor Knowles questioned the cost to attend ?

Chief Webber replied the training is free, the only cost would be motel expenses.

Board member Duckworth moved permission to use city vehicle and credit card be given, for each of the dates listed above. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber stated he would also like to send to people to the FDIC this year. He added they are needing some new gear, as well as radios, and this is a good place to check those items out. He added the dates are April 24 through 29 and the tickets are \$30.00 each.

Board member Duckworth moved permission to attend be given, as well as use of the credit card and city vehicle. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber continued his report by stating he needs to get a light bar for the chief's truck. He added the light bars he has been pricing are rotators, but due to the height of the light bar it would put the height of the truck at 9 feet. He added at that, it would be too tall for many parking garages. He stated they do make an LED light bar, though it is a little more expensive. He further stated he has received quotes from M & S Fire and Steven R Jenkins - Jenkins is cheapest at \$1,799.99 and M & S Fire was \$2,175.00. He also stated he did contract Galls but theirs ran from \$2,200 to \$2,300.00. He added he does have this listed in his budget.

Chief Duckworth asked about a warranty.

Chief Webber replied there is a warranty, a five year warranty he believes. He stated that the LED light bar is guarantee to be seen for up to five miles.

Board member Duckworth moved Chief Webber be permitted to purchase the LED light bar from Steven R Jenkins for \$1,799.99. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber concluded his report by stating he is still waiting on quotes for the decals, he has received none yet, but he is trying.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens reported on the 24th of January, they lost two pumps at the Mill Creek Lift Station, they then closed w. 2nd Street to begin work, and it was reopened on Friday. He continued by stating he has received quotes from Hydra serve - to repair the first pump will cost \$5,343.55 and the repair the second pump will cost \$6,100.55. He added they also indicated it could take six to eight weeks to get the impellers replaced, though we can ship on February 20.

Mayor Knowles asked the cost of a new pump ?

Supt. Givens replied around \$18,000.00.

Board member Duckworth asked if these pumps do the same amount of work ?

Mayor Knowles replied no, they are two different pumps. She then asked if Supt Givens knew how much grit was in there ?

Supt. Givens replied he is not sure but to remove it could be pretty expensive.

Mayor Knowles agreed but added if they are going to spend \$12,000 on repairing the pumps, they need to get the grit out of there. She stated they need to get someone to down there to take a look at it to see what it would take.

Supt. Givens stated the control panel is his main concern.

Mayor Knowles agreed that needs addressed as well, but she wondered how long the pumps would continue to work if the grit is not removed.

Supt. Givens stated he recommends it be cleaned out, he can check with someone to see about that.

Board member Duckworth stated he agrees that someone should look at getting it all cleaned out.

Supt Givens added he feels it will not be inexpensive.

Mayor Knowles stated Mill Creek is the biggest lift station in the city and if they are going to fix it, they should fix it right.

Supt Givens agreed.

Mayor Knowles stated Supt. Givens should get an idea of the cost of cleaning it out.

Board member Duckworth agreed and added once that is fixed, he can get the pumps.

Supt. Givens replied he is already having the pumps worked on, he had to. He then stated he would like to use the third pump as a spare and not put it back down in the pit.

Mayor Knowles stated that makes sense to her, it isn't used on a regular basis. She then stated she will keep Board member Duckworth informed.

Supt. Givens stated at the last meeting he received permission to get some quotes on a water pump for the digesters. He stated he did look locally, but no one in town carries the pumps. He added he called Hydraserve and they quoted two different size pumps. He stated he would like permission to purchase one of the two of those, but if he finds one cheaper, he will purchase it.

Board member Duckworth asked the capacity, how many gallons he is needing to pump ?

Supt. Givens replied the more the better and really the gallons per minute depends on how much one is wanting to pump out. He stated he can get a 3" pump for \$1,219.00, a Honda pump.

Board member Duckworth asked if tried locally for quotes ?

Supt. Givens replied yes and added no one locally carries these pumps. He added he may try Grainger, but until he gets a pump, he is at a standstill on cleaning out those digesters.

Board member Duckworth moved Supt. Givens get with Mayor Knowles on the best deal for the water pump. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens stated he has hired an administrative assistant and he will be moving his office to the back room where the telemetry is and giving the new hire the front part of the building. He added Sonny Clark put up a nice door so he will be able to lock his office. He added he does need a phone and it will have to be programmed and he may need to look into getting a computer for the new position. He asked if he would to come to the Board for that ?

Mayor Knowles asked if the sewer department laptop is still at the water works, and if it is, couldn't the new hire use that for awhile ?

Supt. Givens replied he does not see why not.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated there is a lot of corrugated plastic pipe at the street department that was purchased in 1999 that they are not able to use now, according to INDOT. INDOT states that kind of pipe can not be used under streets. He added he has several sections left that he now has no use for and he would like to sell it. He stated he has talked with Attorney Funkhouser about it and he recommends they place an ad in the paper notifying the public they will be taking bids on it. He then stated the pipe has an estimated value of \$16,000.00.

Board member Duckworth moved Comm. Epison be permitted to put the ad in the paper notifying the public of the sale of the pipe. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Epison stated he has received a quote from Tri-State Communications for a new CB radio to be installed in Asst. St. Comm. Miller's new truck.

Board member Duckworth asked why he only had the one quote ?

Comm. Epison replied they have just always used this company and he was under the impression that all of the city departments use them.

Mayor Knowles added that they need a certain type of equipment.

Board member Duckworth stated he would like see Comm. Epison get another quote.

Comm. Epison stated that Mr. Miller had checked with some other firms, but this was the only place that had the radio that they needed. But he did state that was probably two weeks ago since he discussed that with Mr. Miller. He asked if he could possibly get with Mayor Knowles after getting another quote ? He added he believes Mr. Miller did contact Tom's CB but they do not carry the radio either.

Board member Duckworth moved Comm. Epison get a quote from J E S and then get with Mayor Knowles on the best deal for the new radio. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Epison stated he has two street cut permits that had been submitted earlier. He added he was not aware street cuts needed to come before the Board. He added the cuts were both for Countrymark and they have already paid and at least one of the cuts is already done.

Supt. Givens asked how those were handled as when he gets calls he always just refers them to the street department.

Comm. Epison replied they fill out an application, the area of the cut is figured, the cost is then processed from that and the applicant takes the money to the clerk's office. He added the company making the cut also has to contact the underground marking folks.

Board member Duckworth moved the Board approve the street cuts. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Epison stated he would like Board permission to attend Road School at Purdue on March 28 through 30. He added he is not sure of the pricing at this point.

Mayor Knowles moved he be permitted to attend and use the city credit. Seconded by Board member Duckworth.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Epison concluded his report by stating he has no internet service in his office, though the administrative assistant has access to Cinergy in her office. He asked if he could check with Cinergy and some other providers about service, until the entire city gets a different service.

Board member Duckworth moved Comm. Epison be permitted to get quotes on internet service. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is Hank Hudson.

Mr. Hudson approached the podium and stated he is present representing Mr. McKinney and Regency Properties, who have acquired the Southwind Shopping Center. He added when they first started down this path, there were many questions, one being if the street going into the shopping center was a public street, and yes, it is a public street. He added the island where sign it located is part of the city, but Regency would like permission to maintain that with landscaping, etc., and it is also his understanding the Mayor would like the curb painted yellow, as requested he believes at a Council meeting. He added that can be done and if Regency fails to properly maintain the island, the city would handle that in the same manner they handle other weed complaints, with a weed violation notice.

Mayor Knowles added that Attorney Funkhouser has looked over the agreement and he sees no problem with it.

Mr. McKinney stated they have indeed intent to purchase the Southwind Shopping Center and from what he can tell of the present facility, it has not served the community very well, as it needs some TLC as well as some hard work. He added Mount Vernon is a good market area. He then stated they will be renovating the storefront to make them look more up to date, as well as repaving the entire parking lot and the gravel behind the shopping center, and they also plan to reroof the building and replace the air conditioning system. He added they plan to really fix it up and the tenants themselves are planning improvements of their own. He added it is a win/win situation for the property itself as well as the community and Regency Properties.

Board member Duckworth asked if Council has approved or needs to approve this ?

Mayor Knowles replied no, there is nothing for them to approve, it is a Board of Works matter.

Board member Duckworth moved the Board sign the agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Regency Properties LLC. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hudson added this agreement will only apply if Regency Properties purchases the property.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Chief Webber asked if the Board has had a chance to go over the SOP and the changes that had been made.

Board member Duckworth replied he has and it all seems fine with him except for that one sentence.

Chief Webber stated they can possibly approve it then at the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Duckworth moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer